

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



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Uniform Crime Reporting

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Incident Based Reporting Guidelines
and Standards

Bias Motivation/Hate Crimes

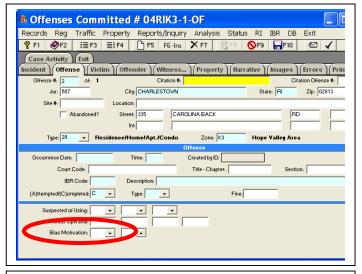
It is necessary to reiterate National Guidelines, due to discrepancies in reporting Hate Crimes to the State UCR Unit when using the code of 99 (Unknown Hate Crime).

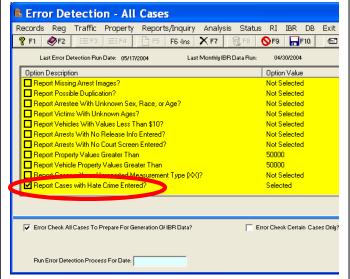
If a case does not involve any facts indicating a Hate Crime occurred, the code of <u>88 (no bias)</u> should be selected. The code of <u>99 (Unknown Hate Crime)</u> is used ONLY when facts are present that a Hate Crime occurred, but are not conclusive.

The Newest version of the IMC software application (Version 4.5 Build 7.11) has an enhanced feature to assist the RMS/UCR Coordinator in identifying cases involving Hate Crimes. The Error Detection – All Cases Report has the option to list incidents with Hate Crimes.

The "Report Cases with Hate Crimes Entered" report should be used by your department to audit your cases.

In addition to this feature, the State UCR Unit will be generating reports to audit statewide electronic IBR submissions. Periodic reports will be sent to your attention for review. Your





assistance will be requested to audit data in an effort to obtain accurate crime data.

Should it be determined that a case was coded incorrectly, it will be necessary to modify the case and resubmit to the State UCR Program. If you have any questions regarding Newsletter, please contact me at 444-1156.

Frequently asked questions. . .

While an individual is shopping for a pair of shoes in a department store and leaves a handbag unattended the

handbag is stolen. This would be reported as a Larceny Theft from a building.

A vehicle is parked in an automobile dealership and the vehicle window is broken and damage to the steering column is observed by the preliminary officer who reports to the car lot. This would be reported as attempted Motor Vehicle Theft.

A carjacking is reported to police. This would be reported as a Robbery, and the vehicle taken would be listed in the property section.

A house is burglarized and a motor vehicle is taken from the garage of that house. This would be reported as a Burglary and the vehicle taken would be listed in the property section.

An individual test-drives a vehicle from a dealership and does not return. This would be reported as a fraud offense and the vehicle taken would be listed in the property section.

The incidence of a chauffeur who steals a car entrusted to his care. This would be reported as embezzlement and the vehicle taken would be listed in the property section.

A male slipped a date rape drug into a woman's drink. Before he could lure the victim away from her friends, however, someone noticed what he had done and contacted the police. The police found the drug and identity of the suspect. He

determined that the suspect had administered the date rape drug with the intent to incapacitate the woman and commit a sexual assault. This would be reported as an attempted forcible rape.

An officer ascertained that a male had slipped a date rape drug into a woman's drink, but he was unable to determine the perpetrator's intent. This

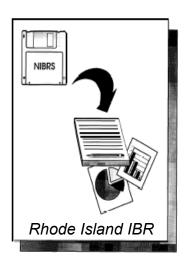
would be reported as an aggravated assault. Because the officer was unable to determine the suspect's intention the incident cannot be counted as an attempted rape. The UCR Program considers a date rape drug as poison and poisoning is among the offenses included in aggravated assault.

A lone male enters a department store to purchase a \$400 TV and \$300 VCR with a forged check. Later, the store manager was notified that the purchase was made with a forged check.

The manager contacts police to file a report. Two offenses would be reported:

Offense 1 - Counterfeiting/Forgery (Type Property Loss = Counterfeited/ Forged, Property Description = Negotiable Instruments \$700)

Offense 2 - False Pretenses/Swindle/ Confidence Game (Type Property Loss = Stolen. Property Description =



Radios/TV/VCR, Value of Property = [wholesale value])

A vehicle is entered by means of smashing the passenger side window and \$10 in currency is stolen. This would be reported as Destruction/Vandalism of Property, the Property Description would be Vehicle Parts/Accessories and the Value of Property would be for the damage to the window. Also, the offense of Larceny/Theft and the Property Description would be Money and the Value of Property would be \$10.



The designated UCR/RMS Manager at each law enforcement agency acts as the liaison between the State UCR Program and officers employed at the law enforcement agency. Therefore, it is important that the UCR/RMS Manager work with officers to answer questions and ensure UCR standards are met. Officers questions should NOT go unanswered and it is the responsibility of the UCR/RMS manager to disseminate the information as appropriate to your officers.

If the UCR Manager has any questions on classifying and scoring crime information, please contact the State UCR Unit and we will work with you to resolve the issue.

Also, if you would like more challenging examples to score, please contact the UCR Unit with your scenario, and we will include examples in the UCR Newsletter.

in the UCR Guideline Books issued to your department.
Every department received at least one Guideline Book.
Should you have any comments or questions, please call the UCR Unit at 444-1156.

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